

In the Battle Zone

Vocabulary

All words in this lesson may refer to fighting and warfare.

- annihilate** (uh NY uh LAYT) V. to totally destroy (*They tried to annihilate our village with fire bombs.*)
- armament** (AHR muh muhnt) N. military equipment (*Their armament is far superior to our small guns and canon.*)
- arson** (AHR suhn) N. the crime of setting fires (*Arson was one strategy used by the underground resistance.*)
- casualty** (KAZH oo uhl tee) N. one injured, killed, or lost in battle (*We were glad we did not have a casualty in that skirmish.*)
- chaotic** (kay AHT ik) ADJ. without order; confused (*I looked for my son in the chaotic aftermath of the bombing raid.*)
- confrontation** (KAHN fruhn TAY shuhn) N. condition of standing face-to-face with a hostile force; a conflict (*A soldier was killed in a confrontation with enemy border guards.*)
- conspiratorial** (kuhn SPEER uh TOR ee uhl) ADJ. with an air of plotting together in secret to commit an evil or treacherous act (*The guard carefully watched the two men who were speaking together in a conspiratorial whisper.*)
- desertion** (di ZUR shuhn) N. the act of abandoning (*The soldier was punished for desertion.*)
- espionage** (ES pee uh NAHZH) N. the practice of spying (*Our government learns a great deal through espionage.*)
- fatality** (fay TAL i tee) N. a death brought about through war or disaster (*Herman was our state's first battle fatality.*)
- guerilla** (guh RIL uh) N. one of a small band of fighters using surprise and speed to harass an enemy (*The guerilla struck quickly and efficiently, catching the sentry off guard.*)
- hideous** (HID ee uhs) ADJ. very ugly (*Survivors of napalm bombing bear hideous scars.*)
- infirmary** (in FUR muh ree) N. a place for the care of the sick or wounded (*We carried the wounded girl to the infirmary.*)
- intensity** (in TEN si tee) N. the strength of an action, feeling, or quality (*We won because we fought with great intensity.*)
- perilous** (PER uh luhs) ADJ. dangerous (*Several soldiers were lost on the perilous assignment.*)
- scrimmage** (SKRIM ij) N. minor battle or skirmish (*The scrimmage with the enemy platoon took place over that hill.*)
- seclude** (si KLOOD) V. to keep apart (*Andrew tried to seclude himself from the other soldiers.*)
- strewn** (stroon) V. to have been scattered (*The battlefield was strewn with equipment thrown aside by the retreating army.*)
- subversive** (suhb VUR siv) ADJ. tending to overthrow or destroy, especially an established government (*The French Underground during World War II was a subversive organization whose objective was the overthrow of the invaders.*)
- valor** (VAL ur) N. bravery (*She was awarded a medal for her valor in the face of danger.*)